President’s Message

Dear Colleagues:

I have asked Director Adam Becnel to provide us with an update from the Training and Education Committee. His update is below.

Brady Mills
ASCLD President

The Training and Education Committee is pleased to announce that due to the overwhelming response and success of last year’s Leadership Academy, the Academy will be held again in the Spring of 2015. Stay tuned for details about the next Academy as we issue announcements in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please consider who in your organization might benefit from participating in this exciting and educational program.

In addition to the Leadership Academy, the T&E Committee, along with the continued support of RTI, is planning several series of webinars responsive to the needs of the members. We are in the process of developing the webinars and expect to offer them from December through March.

Adam Becnel
Co-Chair Training and Education Committee

Please mark your calendars; the 2015 symposium is April 26th-30th, 2015 at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, D.C. 20008.
If you are interested in serving on the Symposium Planning Committee, please contact President Elect Jody Wolf at jody.wolf@phoenix.gov.

The Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis (CAFDA) is pleased to announce the Genome ID Forum 2014 - Emerging Forensic Genomic Applications; a conference to take place on September 9 and 10 at the Hilton Greenville, North Carolina. Genome ID Forum brings together thought leaders from forensic science, research, academia, law and technology development for an open on-going dialogue regarding emerging science, technology applications and adoption by the forensic community. The program includes Dr. Kenneth Kidd, Professor of Genetics, of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and of Psychiatry at Yale University speaking on “The critical role of SNPs and NGS (Now Generation Sequencing) in the future of forensics”. To foster open discussions, space is limited. Registration is available through our website at www.genomeIDforum.com.

News Around the Globe

Columbia attorney discovered drug lab problems

GC/MS/MS Speed, Sensitivity, and Selectivity Beyond Comparison
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The State ... down the police crime lab. The State newspaper reported (http://bit.ly/1CB9Xr5) that attorney Victor Li hired a forensic scientist to confirm the weight ...

The godfather of DNA: 30 years
Alec Jeffreys revolutionized crime fighting
Express.co.uk
The dream of every scientist is to experience a once-in-a-lifetime "eureka moment". For Professor Alec Jeffreys that remarkable time arrived on ...

NC State forensic professors help solve crimes
Washington Times  
RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Wake County sheriff's deputies knew little about the man, except that he wore a foreign brand of jeans and blue boots and had ...

Ashland, Ore., Forensics Lab Director Writes Crime Novels
Jefferson Public Radio
The man who heads the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Forensic Laboratory in Ashland, Ore, wears two hats. The director, Ken Goddard, a former deputy ...

Proposal has Omaha police, Douglas County Sheriff's Office sharing more crime lab services but ...
Omaha World-Herald
More Omahans who are burglarized would see a crime lab technician under a proposal to share services between Douglas County's two largest law ...

Divided Court Rules DNA Collected without Consent can be Used against Accused
AllGov
A Maryland appellate court has ruled that police can collect and use a suspect's DNA without his consent during the course of an investigation that ...

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Employment Opportunities

Latent Print Examiner II, Oakland Police Department, Oakland, CA, Expires: September 12, 2014

Forensic Supervisor, Anchorage Police Dept, Anchorage, AK, Expires: September 14, 2014

Forensic Science Technician (FSL), Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS), Washington, D.C., Expires: December 31, 2014

Drug Chemist, City of Fort Worth Police Dept, Fort Worth, TX, Expires: November 14, 2014

Forensic Scientist II – Forensic Biology, Columbus Police Crime Laboratory, Columbus, Ohio, Expires: September 15, 2014

Forensic DNA Analyst, Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis, Greenville,
SCOG keeps tight watch on crime lab backlog

The review

Based upon Stark County Crime Lab drug statistics, the largest drug in use in the area is still marijuana, making up 42.8 percent of all drugs tested in ...

ND attorney general's office to get $63000 for forensic services

In-Forum

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice has awarded $63,029 to the North Dakota attorney general's office to ...

EXCLUSIVE: Columbia police hired chemist despite warning from sheriff's experts, Lott says

The State

COLUMBIA, SC — The Columbia Police Department hired a crime lab chemist in 2011, whose work is now in question, despite being told that she

Mayor Encourages City, County Crime Lab Partnership

Free Times (blog)

Perhaps the centerpiece of Wednesday's conversation was whether or not CPD will combine with the Richland County Sheriff's Office for crime lab

DNA Evidence Exonerates Two Men, How Is DNA Lab’s Backlog?

WFMY News 2

But getting DNA processed by the state crime lab isn't a quick process like you see on tv. You might remember, in May, we shared a story from our ...

Allegheny County’s crime lab ranks among world’s best

Tribune-Review

The Allegheny County crime lab can perform crime scene investigations for ... work, however, takes longer and costs

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Forensic Scientists – Forensic Biology, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: September 18, 2014

Forensic Chemical Science Program Director, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, Expires: October 20, 2014

Crime Laboratory Manager, City of Chula Vista Police Department, Chula Vista, CA, Expires: September 12, 2014

Forensic Scientist III – Latent Print Unit, Scottsdale Police Department Crime Laboratory, Scottsdale, AZ, Expires: September 14, 2014

Director of Forensic Investigations, Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: November 21, 2014

Forensic Scientist – DNA Analyst (Part-time, Grant Funded), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: October 17, 2014

Forensic Scientist (Firearms & Toolmark), DC Gov’t –
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trends, equipment, services, and laboratory design. In every issue, Forensic Magazine® provides professionals working in forensic laboratories and crime scene investigation with the news and technical information they need—both in the lab and in the field. Forensic Magazine® covers forensics from evidence collection through processing, analysis, storage, and more. Forensic Magazine® features the latest technology, applications, and information for forensic scientists, crime scene investigators, and forensic specialists. Free subscriptions for the print/digital magazine and daily electronic newsletter are available at www.forensicmag.com

**Forensic Training**

George Mason University’s Office of Continuing Professional Education in Virginia is hosting a 2-day seminar:
Sexually Violent Crime: The Body as Evidence
Taught by Dr. Henry Lee and Dr. Leah Bush
November 3-4, 2014

Sexually violent crime continues to challenge investigators and concern...
the general public. It has been estimated that every two minutes, someone in the United States is sexually assaulted. In many cases, sexual assault results in homicide. Dr. Henry Lee and Dr. Leah Bush, two of the country's top forensic scientists, will share their individual and collective expertise to help the participants understand the importance of the body as evidence as it relates to sexually violent crimes.

Please visit our course page at http://www.ocpe.gmu.edu/programs/legal/cold_case.php for more information on this exciting opportunity to learn from two of the top forensic scientists in the country!

Forensic and Investigative Science Outreach is pleased to provide quality, continuing education courses for forensic professionals. We would like to announce several on-site courses which will be offered for FREE at West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia. Please feel free to visit our website for additional registration information and to share this information with other interested individuals.

Continuing Education Courses – Summer 2014

ASCLD Webinars:
Links to these webinars can also be found on the ASCLD Training Opportunities webpage.

Webinar #1:  Taking the First Steps Toward Backlog Reduction
Webinar #2:  The Backlog Paradox: Doing Less is Doing More
Webinar #3:  Managing Customer Expectations and Education
Webinar #4:  Case Acceptance, Policies and Guidelines
Webinar #5:  Efficiency Improvements

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: Bode’s 2014 DNA Technical Conferences, providing DNA training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

Bode Technology provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

Bode's solutions include BodeDirect™ Outsourcing and Same-Day DNA Service™, and the Bode Buccal DNA Collector™, a direct collection system,
Webinar #6: Increasing Your Staff without Increasing Your Budget

Webinar #7: Developing a Statewide Approach to Backlog Management

Cal State Fullerton Certificates in Crime & Forensics. Contact Veronica Martinez at 1-657-278-3123 or see http://extension.fullerton.edu/professionaldevelopment/Crime-Forensic.

RTI International’s Center for Forensic Sciences Continuing Education is pleased to offer a second premium online course for legal professionals, titled “Managing Quality and Reliability in the Crime Laboratory: A Lawyer’s Perspective”. This low cost training was developed with the support of ASCLD/LAB, the North Carolina District Attorney’s Association and the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators. This course is designed for legal professionals who interface with scientific experts and/or present scientific evidence in courts of law. The course provides information about how accredited crime laboratories control quality, ensure the reliability of results, and work to maintain a high level of customer satisfaction and confidence in the reliability of laboratory services. It is recommended, but not required, that users have taken the course; An Introduction to the Crime Laboratory - Understanding its Role and Purpose before attempting this course. By the end of this course, you should be able to:
• Evaluate the work of a scientific expert
• Name the two types of scientific analyses
• Name the international body that governs crime laboratory accreditation
• Recognize authoritative documents and court rulings critical to forensic science
• List five warning signs signaling problems in a crime laboratory
If you know of a legal professional who may be interested in taking this course, please direct them

reduces processing time, saving money for crime laboratories.

Bode’s newest offerings include:
BodeLIMS™ – The First True Forensic DNA LIMS. BodeLIMS is a web-based LIMS that tracks samples from receipt through reporting. The software documents and captures the entire DNA analysis process and is completely configurable, thus adaptable to changing technologies.

Bode LeanLab™ service utilizes Lean Six Sigma principles and delivers custom solutions to forensic labs improving efficiency, increasing throughput, reducing turnaround time and eliminating backlogs.

Visit www.bodetech.com or email bode.service@bodetech.com for more information.

Accreditation Training

A2LA courses are designed with forensic professionals in mind, including a new courses to be hosted in Minnesota this September on ISO/IEC 17025 and 17020. See the below link for a full listing with dates and topics.

http://www.a2la.org/training/course_schedule.cfm

The ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board/FQS offers 2 workshops for accreditation preparation to the forensic community.

- ISO/IEC 17025 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Test Agencies

Attendees of this three-day workshop will obtain a general overview of ISO/IEC 17025 as it relates to
In some states, this course has been approved for 1 hour of CLE and MCLE credits (https://www.forensiced.org/training/clestates.cfm?cid=1128152721).

- ISO/IEC 17020 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Police Agencies

Attendees of this two-day workshop will obtain a general overview of ISO/IEC 17020 for forensic police agencies.

- ASCLD-LAB Training

Training classes to help forensic laboratory personnel understand the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 General Requirements for the Competency of Testing and Calibration Laboratories.

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**Forensic Conferences**

September 9-10, 2014: Emerging Forensic Genomic Applications – genomeID forum
In Greenville, NC. See www.advancedforensicsdna.com/corporate/snpforum/ for more information.

September 23-26, 2014: Southern Association Forensic Scientist (SAFS) Annual 2014 Meeting in Savannah, GA.


October 19-23, 2014: 36th Annual Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists (SWAFS) in South Padre Island, TX.


November 3-6, 2014: Annual DNA & Investigators Workshop– Bode Mid-Atlantic in Crystal City, VA

November 3-6, 2014: Northeastern Association of...